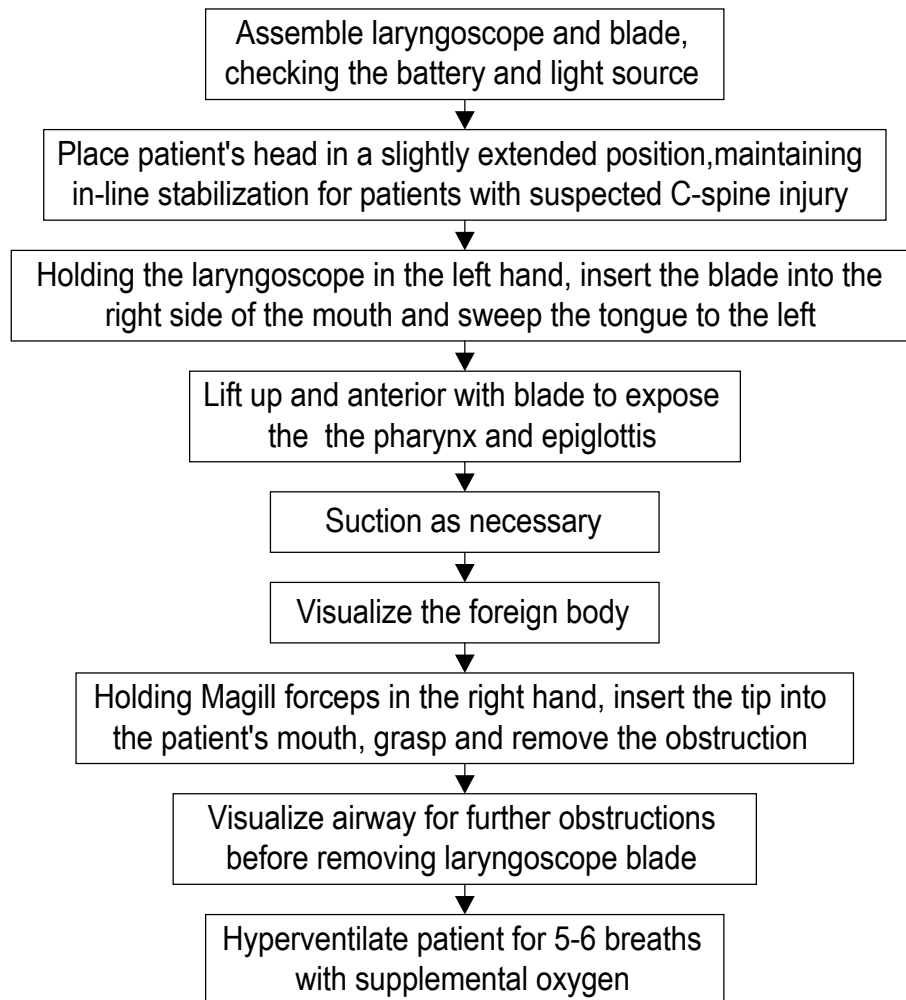


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
REMOVAL OF AIRWAY  
OBSTRUCTION**

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<b>Purpose:</b>		<b>Indications:</b>	
To remove a foreign body from the upper airway		Patient with an airway obstruction	
<b>Advantages:</b>	<b>Disadvantages:</b>	<b>Complications:</b>	<b>Contraindications:</b>
Rapid removal of visible obstruction Avoids potential trauma of abdominal thrusts	Requires specialized equipment and training Obstruction must be visible	Oral or airway trauma	Foreign body below the level of the vocal cords



**NOTES:**

- To prevent damaging the patient's teeth, avoid any leverage on the laryngoscope blade or teeth.